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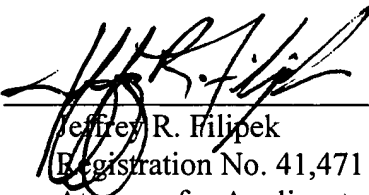
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 - b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
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 - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
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5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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